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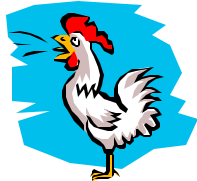
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were 1 cent higher in the West, and usually 3 cents higher in the Midwest and Eastern regions when compared to Monday's values. However, in the East trade sentiment was fully steady on lighter sizes and unsettled on heavier weights, and reported as steady to fully steady in the Midwest and firm in the West at prevailing price levels. Offerings were limited and held with confidence as sellers view next week's interest as being active for the Labor Day week. Even though current demand was unaggressive and still fair, supplies were clearing. Retail and food service activity was mixed but fast food movement was anticipated to be good for back to school shoppers. In the parts structure, values for the week have been generally trending higher on light to active trading. Supplies were irregular from plant to plant but usually reported as well cleared to occasionally sufficient for trade needs. Availability of bone-in breasts were tight, dark meat was adequate yet clearing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/28-09/01/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-52.00	47.00-63.00	50.74	25
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	48.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				

Mississippi 60.00-62.00 49.00-66.00 61.20 83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
618	56.45-63.00	60.27
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	155.50	4,235
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.00	1,205
THIGH MEAT - B/S	79.50	730
LEG QUARTERS	24.00	7,685
WINGS	58.50	2,776

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate, but expected to increase next week for Labor Day. Supplies were close balanced to tight as weight losses and reductions in processing continue to be a factor. In the parts structure, all items were no more than adequate with breast items in the shortest position, and dark meat less available. Movement was moderate to good with further interest expected next week for holiday ads. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher than last Friday's levels. Trading on regular commitments and new negotiations at least 1 cent higher than last week. Offerings of small sizes were in close balance with heavy weights in fairly good balance. Demand was moderate overall. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts for next week's delivery into California - bulk leg quarters 24-25.5 and 4/10s generally 26, bone-in breasts 81-86 and boneless breasts 145-155. Ads noted: Southern California - California grown whole body 69-89, leg quarters 27-49, whole legs 49, thighs 67-99, drumsticks 69-99, bone-in breasts 79-149, boneless leg meat 98 and boneless breasts 179-399.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority price for next week's deliveries into Chicago was 3 cents higher from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment mostly steady to instances firm. Additional product offerings light, but adequate for the limited buyer interest. Retail demand continued to struggle, generally slow to an occasional fair at best. Food service movement was light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate with the majority of distributors working off current inventories and a few cutting back on regular commitments for next week in order to maintain balance. Sizes were in a full range. Parts trading was light overall. Supplies were in close balance and held with confidence as the first of the month and holiday draw near. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady, undertone firm.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only fair entering the weekend. Supplies of the lighter weights were closely cleared to occasionally tight on the smaller birds, but at least adequate to available on the heavier sizes. Movement into retail and distributive channels was moderate at best. The market tone was fully steady on the lighter weights, no better than steady on the balance. In the parts market, offerings of bone-in breasts were better balanced, although, no more than adequate. Boneless-skinless breasts were usually sufficient. Leg quarters were clearing well at most locations, and remainder of items were about adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate and somewhat below pre-weekend expectations. Seller offerings were well balanced to closely cleared on the 2.5 and 3 pound sizes; ample and in instances slow to clear on the larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy when coupled with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady on the lighter weights; barely steady on the larger. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to closely cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		43-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		53.89
NO. OF BOXES		10,837
CUMULATIVE	08/21/00-08/25/00	52.86
	08/23/99-08/27/99	59.12
NO. OF BOXES	08/21/00-08/25/00	54,839
	08/23/99-08/27/99	40,346

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 24, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 25, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	491	140.00-210.00	155	157.71	713	145.00-210.00	155-160	162.19	3,129	155.28
TENDERLOINS	147	200.00-240.00	200-205	207.19	245	200.00-240.00	200-205	206.72	1,083	206.25
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	75.00-80.00	77-79	79.43	70	76.00-80.00	77-78	79.54	435	76.59
FRONT HALVES	175	64.00-70.00	67-68	68.20	TOO FEW TO REPORT				510	66.63
LEGS	86	29.00-41.00	29-31	29.84	86	30.00-41.00	30-32	30.77	436	29.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	476	20.00-22.00	21-22	21.16	436	21.00-23.00	21-22	21.45	2,515	20.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,370	22.00-25.00	23-24	23.50	1,290	23.00-25.00	24	23.93	6,574	23.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	69	57.00-59.00	-	57.93	69	57.00-58.50	-	57.70	474	56.98
WINGS (CUT)	424	64.00-87.00	67-68	67.69	535	64.00-87.00	67-69	68.47	2,424	69.60
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				28	40.43
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				28	40.44
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				160	76.05

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 24, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

42.00 - 46.00

44.68

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 25, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

44.50 - 46.50

45.23

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

43.39

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, but was generally no better than fair with most dealers limiting purchases to cover most immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts were better balanced, and boneless-skinless breasts were about adequate. Leg quarters were clearing well, and the balance of items were sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 24, 2000

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	155.59	455,730
TENDERLOINS	180-185	209.50	183,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	80.23	271,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	78.18	153,040
LEGS	33-34	35.54	240,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	21.44	538,330
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	34.64	128,580
THIGHS	24-25	28.34	208,700
B/S THIGHS	74-75	81.59	63,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.61	313,142
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	107,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.88	68,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.94	118,400

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	155.50	536,160	152.99	2,678,770
TENDERLOINS	180-185	213.45	169,320	209.28	895,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	80.89	297,160	79.53	1,452,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	78.54	156,200	76.98	739,070
LEGS	33-34	35.90	274,320	35.39	1,373,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	22.11	559,654	22.27	2,759,558
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	34.65	154,800	34.83	733,830
THIGHS	24-25	33.32	156,900	31.06	906,740
B/S THIGHS	74-75	79.80	91,200	80.86	366,020
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.94	314,160	63.81	1,821,032
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	94,200	12.02	518,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.14	62,592	34.43	352,672
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.00	91,752	44.90	574,222

AUGUST 25, 2000

WEEKLY

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	08/25	08/24	08/23	08/22	08/23	08/22	08/18	08/16
ALA	4,088	3,899	3,835	3,926	4.92	4.91	4,007	4.97
ARK	5,452	5,226	5,144	5,107	4.70	4.64	5,001	4.71
DELMARVA	3,045	2,380	2,451	2,381	4.96	5.09	2,586	4.97
KY-LA-TN	1,993	2,026	1,965	1,997	4.25	4.34	2,082	4.29
MISS	2,903	2,881	2,782	2,756	5.03	5.11	2,757	4.93
NC	3,518	2,642	2,646	2,600	5.79	6.01	2,841	5.80
TEXAS	2,369	2,302	2,324	2,143	4.50	4.50	2,271	4.56
TOTAL	23,368	21,356	21,147	20,910	4.89	4.91	21,545	4.89
MON-FRI	108,882(A)						106,156(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Aug & 26-Aug-00 is estimated to be 34,961,000 up 12.15 percent from a week ago and down 5.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 37,068,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Aug-00 is estimated to be 156,908,000 head down 1.1 percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago (Last week 158,583,000 Last year 157,438,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESHFRYERS	80-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESHFRYERS	DRY PACK 102-104
	ICE PACK 92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 94
DUCKS	148-160

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending August 12, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	38,353	38,735	38,866
Avg Weight	3.72	4.77	5.98
% of total /1	33%	33%	34%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	27,507	40,081	36,292
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.04
% of total /1	26%	39%	35%
Same week, yr ago /2	38,751	41,434	31,176
Avg Weight	3.77	4.83	5.99
% of total /1	35%	37%	28%
To date/2000	1,060,274	1,063,462	1,306,853
To date/1999	1,054,707	951,563	1,346,898

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 19-Aug-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	158,583 (A)	1,815	1,526	3,341	445
AVG WT	4.83	3.48	7.90	5.50	6.59
LAST WEEK	159,036	1,964	1,749	3,713	407
YR AGO	154,016	1,952	1,564	3,516	400
AVG WT	4.81	3.34	7.46	5.17	6.46
TO-DATE/2000	5,111,111	64,400	47,447	111,847	14,672
TO-DATE/1999	5,005,658	70,830	45,199	116,029	14,578

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.5 million head or 3.3 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 22, 2000

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.24	Geese 9-14 .20 - .34
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.22	Pigeons 1.75 - 2.10 ea.
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .62	White Pigeons 1.90 - 2.50 ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.50 - .64	Rabbits 4-6 .50 - 1.02
Red Fowl 5-6	.60 - .82	Rabbits 7-11 .50 - .84
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 - .86	Bunnies 1.00 - 6.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - .94	Guinea Pigs 1.00 - 4.50 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.30 - .92	Goats 40.00 - 90.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	.55 - 1.75	Kid Goats 25.00 - 40.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.00ea.	Doves 2.50 - 5.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS .60 - .92
Leghorn Hens	.16 - .28	
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .54	Total Coops Sold 724
Silkies	3.75 - 4.50ea.	

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 21-AUG-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-65	63-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-83	67-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Schedules were full-time. Sizes were mostly desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95 bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 21-AUG-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	15	163.5	157.4	104	4.98
	22	160.1	158.1	101	4.92
	29	161.2	157.6	102	5.00
AUGUST	5	157.1	157.9	99	4.90
	12	163.3	158.6	103	5.01
	19	160.5	157.2	102	4.83
YEAR TO DATE		5175.7	5095.5	102	
AUGUST	26		154.3		
SEPTEMBER	2		151.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

-----THOUSANDS-----					
<u>W/E</u>	<u>08/26/00</u>	<u>08/29/00</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>08/28/99</u>	<u>% CHG</u>
Broilers	156,908	158,583*	-01	157,438*	0
Cattle	724	692	+05	725*	0
Hogs	1,889	1,857	+02	1,917*	-01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were again some what irregular, but generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were fully sufficient but clearing at most locations. Demand was light to moderate. Most traders were viewing markets as steady at the prevailing price levels.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-25 MAJORITY 25	25-27.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
23.5-25 MAJORITY 25	26.75-28.5 MAJORITY 27-28

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Supplies were occasionally short to adequate for processors needs. Demand was light and unaggressive as finished product sales were slow. Processing schedules for next week were short to about normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Finished sales were slightly improved as seasonal confidence and kills moved in normal mode. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate for processor needs. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.25 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to fair but still unaggressive as offerings were adequate to ample for current needs. Processing schedules were about normal. The market tone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were about steady and cleared sufficient volume to maintain schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants generally worked desired schedules. Offerings remained spotty.

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